

STATEMENT BY STROM THURMOND REGARDING SENATOR RUSSELL'S CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, March 10, 1952.

Former Governor Strom Thurmond was asked today whether or not he would support Senator Richard B. Russell for President. Mr. Thurmond stated that he certainly would and that he had wired Senator Russell immediately after his announcement and pledged to him his full support. Mr. Thurmond said that he knows Senator Russell well personally and that he is a man of splendid character and integrity, is sound in his views on foreign and domestic policies, is against the so-called Civil Rights Program, centralized government and the trend toward socialism which characterized the present administration, and feels that Senator Russell would make a great President. Mr. Thurmond predicted that at least eight states in the South, and possibly several more will support Senator Russell, but feels that Senator Russell's campaign should be waged from a national standpoint and that his candidacy should attract support in all of the states of the nation from citizens who believe in real Americanism and the fundamentals upon which our country was founded.